



LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

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Attendees: Susan Ryan-Vollmar, Commissioner Co-Chair, Lisa Krinsky, Commissioner Co-Chair, Laura Gitelson, Kari Sasportas, Helene Newberg, Andy Rubinson

Absent: Molly Gillis

Guests: Jillian Harvey (DEI), Teresa Marzilli (DEI), Lenard Diggins (SB), Julia Starkey (Robbins Library), Christina Harrison, Miller

Minutes

1. Remote participation statement and guidelines
2. Welcome and introductions (include your pronouns if you want to)
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. AR motion to approve June 2022 consent agenda, including May meeting minutes. KS seconds, unanimous vote to approve.

4. Working Group Updates

a. Education/Schools

- i. SRV presented Molly Gillis' updates including that all elementary schools now have Rainbow Alliances and that more community conversations are being planned for school year 2022-2023.

b. Communications

- i. SRV reports that social media engagement has skyrocketed; Pride Month activities (crosswalk, Town gardens event, Select Board Proclamation video from the Pride event, and photos) were all featured.

c. Community Engagement

- i. AR updates on Pride- Mass Ave Banners looked great but were designed to have each pair have one facing in each direction instead of having both banners in each set facing the same direction. Lots of enthusiasm for painting crosswalks in three heavily-traveled sections of Mass Ave. Approximately 300 people attending the pride party. For 2023 consider partnering with food trucks.
- ii. Next possible events: meetups/dinner, lots of families, but also single and/or childless adults who we could serve with events.

5. Liaison Updates

a. APD

- i. SRV reported that APD appreciated invite to Pride event; has 6 new officers on the way; planning Narcan training, planning event or training for schools/parents and firearm safety.

b. COA

- i. Events will be posted to Rainbow Commission social media.

c. Libraries

- i. Julia Starkey- Queer Book Group reading "Genderqueer" for July 27 event. Other events to be publicized through Rainbow Commission social media.

d. DEI

- i. JH introduced Teresa Marzilli as new Community Outreach and Engagement Coordinator. TM role will include focusing on who is not showing up to DEI-related events, resources, and why not. DEI is interviewing for ADA Coordinator. DEI Equity Audit underway with data analysis and focus groups, a yearlong process. JH continues work with the Mass Municipal DEI Coalition she founded, look for regional events to be publicized. Also working on language access project is starting.

e. Budget

- i. LG offered to look into spending approximately \$400 of remaining budget on branded and themed items with an eye towards Town Day presence.
 - 6. Public Engagement and Open Commentary – None
 - a. Rainbow Commission is still recruiting for an open seat.
 - 7. Close and Next Meeting (3rd Thursday/month): Thursday July 21, 2022
- Motion to close by LK, AR seconds, meeting adjourned 7:21p.m.